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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: SERIOUS, VIOLENT OFFENDER REENTRY INITIATIVE

The U.S. Department of Justice is requesting applications for the Serious, Violent Offender Reentry Initiative. This collaborative and comprehensive grant program is designed to address the issues related to violent offenders (adults and juveniles) released from correctional facilities and returning to communities nationwide.

The goal of this initiative is to build on those innovative ideas that reduce the recidivism of these offenders and, thus, reduce the overall amount of violent and other serious crime that is inflicted on our society. This program encourages citizens, government agencies, social service organizations, and community-based organizations, such as faith-based organizations, to make this offender population their highest priority.

The federal partners are holding a series of nationwide regional meetings that have been designed to provide jurisdictions with in-depth information regarding the design and goals of the initiative. These forums will provide an opportunity to speak with representatives from each of the initiative's participating federal partners to address specific questions about the program. You will find a list of the dates, times, and locations for these regional meetings at the following Web site. No registration is necessary (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/reentry/calendar.html).

Further information about this initiative can be found at:

www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm

If you have further questions, please send an e-mail to askreentry@ncjrs.org.

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